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Masses: Saturday - 5:00 P.M. Sunday - 8:45, 10:30 and 12:15 P.M.
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. - 9:00 A.M., Tue. - 7:00 P.M.

Devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Tuesday - after mass

First Friday Devotions - after morning mass First Saturday Mass & Devotions – 8:30 A.M.

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Children & Dates of Births:

New Parishioner

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Change of Address

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THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The story of the disciples going to Enmaus which we here in today’s Gospel reading is one of the favourite stories in the New Testament. This story is about everyday ordinary life, life discoveries and disappointment. In today’s Gospel, two disciples who are struggling to make sense of recent events which have happened in Jerusalem – the death of Jesus, and the news of his resurrection – leave Jerusalem. A stranger joins them on the road. They tell the story of their disappointment, “Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free” they said. In their story, it was clear that they cannot comprehend, their hope in Jesus and His death. This encounter of Jesus with the two Disciples is similar to our encounter with Our Lord, in the Eucharist. When they had finished their story, Jesus began His. Jesus’ story was so appealing that they didn’t want Him to leave, they requested Him to stay with them. He invited them to look at the past again, this time in the light of the Scriptures. He gave them a whole different interpretation of the same event. According to the stranger, the death of Jesus was an achievement of His mission, not the failure. As the stranger helps the two disciples to make sense of the past in a new light, they respond by inviting Him to stay with them. The stranger broke the bread and gave it to the Disciples and their eyes were opened. The stranger did not only help them to interpret the past in their new experience of Him as Lord, but also gave them a new future. They went back to Jerusalem which they were running from and shared their story with the others – their new discovery and hope. In their experience of Jesus as Lord, the Disciples’ past is changed. They were able to revisit the past with new light and hope. They took the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Easter Sunday. For them, one conclusion was enough, namely – Jesus Christ is truly risen. That is the message they took back to Jerusalem. Our celebration of The Eucharist brings Jesus to us not as a stranger but, rather, in word and sacrament and he gives us hope to face the future with faith in Him. Currently, we are not gathering at our usual places of worship due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but let us not make a mistake by forgetting that Jesus is with us. He is walking with us and, like the disciples, He wants to instil hope in us. Like the disciples, we are invited to tell our own story – the story covered with disappointment and anger, displeasure and distress. Our past and present may not make sense to us, but Jesus’ word is clear in this moment as always – “I do care what you are going through” and I am walking with you. Today, we’re invited to tell our story to the Lord, to listen to Him even in the comfort of our homes and recognise Him in all that is happening. Only then can we look with understanding at the past and with hope, look to the future. As a community of believers, we should always be focussed on the light at the end of the tunnel. May Mother Mary intercede and pray for us her children. Happy Sunday everyone.

Citation: Homily for the Third Sunday of Easter, Year A – Fr. Michael Gathuku

Like the disciples, we may well have our moments of doubt about the resurrection. Christian believers are people who are not ashamed to speak their doubts to the Lord and ask his help. We all have difficulty in recognising the presence of Jesus in today’s world and are in need of having our minds and eyes opened to encounter him in our ordinary everyday experience. The gospel is making the point that, as a Christian community, we meet the risen Lord every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Sharing the table of the Lord is one of the few ways we can openly give thanks to God, the giver of every good gift in our lives, for all that keeps us together as a community. One cannot be truly present at the Eucharist without a desire to change and set out on the road travelled by Christ, trying to live as he did in a caring and sharing way. Every breaking of bread is an invitation to give ourselves as completely as possible to Jesus, and to surrender ourselves to his power of love, which will change us and bring us to everlasting life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	Soul of Osbert D’Sylva
Tuesday	Soul of Tom Schmoll
	Soul of Herminigilda Peñoso & Dexter Sarmiento
	Soul of Eufemia Azuela
	Soul of Elisa Mirabueno & Julian Peñoso Sr.
Wednesday	Soul of Sister Shanti Lobo
Thursday	Soul of Alice & Theo D’Souza
Friday	Soul of Gord McMahon

Please pray for the sick in our community.

May the healing power of God touch their hearts and ease their burdens, especially **Raffael Hang Cheong Lee, Khader Khawager, Maria DiRienza, Nolito Reyes, Ed Tan, Carl Rampersad, Elizabeth Liversidge, Fra. Michael G-Mariam and Danny Cheung**

April 14, 2024

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The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a "Spring Social Dance" on Saturday, April 13th in the parish hall beginning at 7:30 pm. For a \$15.00 admission donation, enjoy a variety of ballroom and Latin dance music as well as line dancing. Reservations are encouraged, as admission is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Luis Santalla at gk4393@ontariokofc.ca for more information.



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THANK YOU!!! **from SAINT VINCENT de PAUL** **and the GEORGINA FOOD** **BANK**

To everyone who donated so generously to our Easter Food Drive. We had another great collection – 8 food buggies! Saint Vincent de Paul also wishes to thank those who donate at our poor boxes in the narthex. **You make it possible** for us to give food vouchers to needy people right here in Thornhill, to help our twin in the Dominican Republic and to support the Society's Special Works in the GTA – shelters for abused women, homes for the developmentally handicapped and those with mental health issues, recovery homes for addicts, supportive housing etc. (www.svdptoronto.org).

QUEEN OF APOSTLES RENEWAL CENTRE

Women's Day Retreat – Saturday May 9th

Where: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga

Theme: *Attitude with Gratitude*

Time: 8:30 am – 3:00pm

Cost: \$45.00 includes lunch

For more information: contact: Jean 905-2785229 or office@qoa.ca



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **St. Luke's Council 4393**

EASTER DRAWING **CONTEST 2024**

Time is running out for entries for The Knights of Columbus – St. Luke's Council 4393, Children's Easter drawing contest. The contest is designed to create awareness of this Christian celebration in our young parishioners. **Submission deadline is Sunday, April 14th.**

The top entry in each of the 3 age categories will receive a \$50.00 gift card. The winning drawings will appear on the St. Luke's website!

More details can be found on our website and on the information table in the Narthex.

OLEG SAMOKHIN PIANO CONCERT **SATURDAY APRIL 27, 7:30 PM**

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